Decline in sale of Petroleum Products

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the sale of petrol and diesel during 2000-2001 in comparison to the previous year;

(b) if not, quantum of petrol and diesel sold to customers during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a steep rise in the import of crude oil during the years mentioned above and if so, the quantity of crude oil imported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The consumption of petrol has increased during 2000-2001 and there was a growth of 11.9% in comparison to the previous year. However, the consumption of diesel has decreased by 3.4% during 2000-2001 in comparison to the previous year. The consumption of petrol and diesel during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given below:—

(Figures in TMT)

	MS(Petrol)	HSD(Diesel)
1999-2000	5909	39295
2000-01 (Prov.)	6613	37958
% Growth	11.9	—3.4

(c) The total crude oil imports during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were 57.805 MMT and 74.097 MMT respectively. Details are given below:—

(Figures in TMT)

	1999-2000	2000-2001
Public Sector	39287	42024
Joint Sector	5700	6202
Private Sector	12818	25871
TOTAL:	57805	74097

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